

TO: WDS families

FROM: Christen Johnson, Director of the Weekday School, The Weekday School Team

DATE: August 4, 2022

RE: **COVID Policies**

All actions taken by the director and staff of the Weekday School will be in concert with the leadership of First Presbyterian Church. The leadership and staff of the Weekday School and First Presbyterian Church are taking every precaution to provide a safe and nurturing early childhood learning experience during the Coronavirus pandemic. While we desire to uphold the philosophies and excellent strategies in our developmental school, we also want to maintain a safe and healthy environment. The protocols and guidance implemented come from the Virginia Department of Education, VDH, the CDC, and Governor's orders. This is a dynamic situation – decisions made and protocols developed will be based on the most current information and relayed to WDS families as needed.

### **Protocols for School Days**

- 1) Classes organized in 'pods' – self-contained classroom
- 2) No simultaneous shared indoor space with other classes (music/chapel/play rooms/etc.)
- 3) Temperature checks of staff and students when entering building
- 4) Parents/designees will not enter classrooms at drop-off or pick-up
- 5) Students wash hands before entering classrooms
- 6) Students wash hands/sanitize before/after eating, restroom use, sneezes, coughs, etc.
- 7) Sanitizing of common areas (railings/doors) and bathrooms in school post drop-off
- 8) Mask wearing is optional, [click here](#) for details
- 9) End-of-day sanitizing in each classroom
- 10) If a COVID-19 case is confirmed at the WDS,

### **Tuition**

If the WDS is directed to close due to the pandemic in excess of two weeks (10 consecutive school days):

\*reimbursements for 50% of the unused paid tuition will be issued – doesn't include weather-related closures

\*monthly tuition will be collected at a 50% rate

**We ask that families help us to maintain a safe and healthy environment by strictly following the guidance below:**

- Screen your child each morning before arriving at school for signs of illness
- Keep children with any symptoms, illness, fever, or at home - fevers reduced by medication are not acceptable
- Assist your child with handwashing prior to child entering classroom (strictly enforced)
- Parents do not enter classrooms at drop-off or pick-up
- Report to the Weekday School office if anyone in your household is being evaluated/tested for COVID-19
- Do not enter the WDS campus if you are experiencing symptoms of illness
- Keep children at home while waiting for test results
- Follow guidance as it is given by the Virginia Department of Health

Waiver of Liability to participate in classes at **First Presbyterian Weekday School**  
**116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA 22601**

Participating in group classes poses certain risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of reasonable care taken to mitigate such risks. Participants may be exposed, or expose others, to contagious and potentially harmful or deadly diseases, and this risk includes exposure to COVID-19, the virus that causes the coronavirus disease.

First Presbyterian Weekday School (Weekday School) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. The Weekday School has represented to me that it has taken commercially reasonable steps to mitigate these risks consistent with guidance from the CDC, VDH and the Virginia Department of Education, including, without limitation, access and use restrictions, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and physical distancing measures. The COVID-19 pandemic is a challenging and fluid situation, and COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidance may change frequently. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the Weekday School may revise its procedures at any time based on updated COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidance and further agrees to comply with the revised procedures prior to utilizing the facilities and participation in classes.

Based on these representations, and by signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in classes at the Weekday School. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless First Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Weekday School, its employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives, of and from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind (collectively, "Claims") arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Weekday School, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation. I agree to comply with all policies and rules, including but not limited to all Weekday School policies, guidelines, signage, and instructions. This waiver remains in effect until the Commonwealth of Virginia lifts all COVID-19 related mandates.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_